THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.7084 of 2007

Date: 09.04.2007

Between:

Rajendra Prasad Ratho.

....Petitioners

And

The Sub-Registrar, Registration and Stamps Department, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam District.

....Respondent

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O R D E R:

Petitioner states that he is the absolute owner and possessor of land admeasuring 139 square yards in Survey No.77/10A of Vepagunta Village, Pendurthy Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. It is stated that he intended to sell the said land and in that process, approached the respondent, with a request to furnish the basic value of the property, to enable him to compute the stamp duty. The grievance of the petitioner is that the respondent is not entertaining any document for registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short 'the Act'), in respect of the land in the said Survey Number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondent, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan v. Basanth Nahata***[1]**.**

Once the sole basis for the respondent to refuse registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the respondent to receive and process the document, if any, presented by the petitioner and take necessary steps, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act, within one (1) week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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09.04. 2007

Note: Issue C.C. in three (3) days.

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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77